

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-a Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 2, 1/9/2009

Executive Action: SB 117; SB 29; SB 2

**HEARING ON SB 2**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:07 SEN. MIKE COONEY (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 2, Revise time for submission of legislative budget.

00:01:33 Sen. Bales

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:01:59 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division

00:03:07 Sen. Bales

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:20 Sen. Esp

00:03:27 Sen. Cooney

00:04:46 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:05:44 Sen. Esp

00:05:57 Sen. Cooney

00:06:20 Sen. Esp

00:06:47 Sen. Bales

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:52 Sen. Cooney

00:08:02 Sen. Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 117**

00:08:35 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 117 DO PASS. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote.

00:09:10 Sen. Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29**

00:09:15 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that **SB 29 DO PASS**  
carried 14-0 by voice vote.

00:09:58 Sen. Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 2**

00:10:03 **Motion:** SEN. COONEY moved that **SB 2 DO PASS.**

00:10:18 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved **TO AMEND SB 2.** Motion  
carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT**(fcs08a01)

00:10:29 Sen. Bales

00:10:50 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved **TO AMEND SB 2.** Motion  
carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT**(fcs08a02)

00:10:56 Sen. Bales

00:11:09 **Motion:** SEN. COONEY moved that **SB 2 DO PASS AS**  
**AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:11:33 Sen. Esp

00:11:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:17 P.M.

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fcs08aad.pdf](#))**